

UTAH BOARD OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

MEETING NOTES

Committee:	Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Committee
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Date:	Thursday April 15, 2010	Time:	10:00 – 11:30 am	Place:	State Capitol East Senate Building, Kletting Room
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Members Present	Narda Beas-Nordell, Debbie Rocha, Kris Shaw, Pat Berckman, Maria Garciaz, Judge Larry E. Jones, Salvador Mendez, and Debra Charleston
Members Excused	Russ Van Vleet, Judge Michael D. DiReda, Det. Trudy Cropper, Holly Martak, Manuel Romero, Jerry Oler, and Shirlee Silvermith
Members Absent	Judge Leslie Brown
Staff & Guest	Cuong Nguyen, Fotu Katoa – Visitor

Agenda Item 1:	Welcome/Introductions – Pat Berckman
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pat Berkman was not present to conduct the meeting. Debbie Rocha was asked by the group to chair the meeting. Debbie welcomed everyone to the meeting. Debbie asked for a review of last meeting's minutes and their approval. Maria Garciaz motioned to approve the March 18, 2010 meeting minutes; Salvador Mendez seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2:	Gang Conference Update – Attendees
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Among attendees were Debbie Rocha, Kris Shaw, and Salvador Mendez. The two-day annual event covered various topics including: Gang 101, Bullying, Cyber Chat with Gangs, and Keynote Address by Utah's 3rd District Juvenile Judge Andrew Valdez on gang prevention by empowering parents. Members expressed appreciation of the opportunity to refresh their memory on issues and learned something new. Judge Larry Jones commented that it's critically important to talk about gang prevention and to focus on how to get out of gangs. Parents play a critical role by being informed of gang issues. The parents' perception is that they believe their children are not involved with gangs. Parents must be vigilant and involved with their children's lives before it is too late. The judicial conference is coming up and the organizing committee is open to recommendations from this group for input on topic/ideas focusing on how to help gang members get out of gangs as well as how to raise awareness with parents about gang related issues.

Agenda Item 3:	POST – Progress Report – Debbie Rocha
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debbie Rocha provided an update on the Community Relations Curriculum. Tricia Jack of the Center for Public Policy and Administration at the University of Utah, as a principal contractor, outlined the curriculum. It includes four stages and four objectives. The stages include: Introspection (2 hours), Building Relations in the Community (1 hours), Scenario Training (1 hours), and Field Training. An outline of the curriculum and its contents are attached to this document. Tricia Jack also gave a timeline; the pilot program is scheduled for May 12 and 18, 2010. An evaluation will be administered at the end of the pilot program, as well as video recorded during the session for critique and improvement purposes. At this point, the project is on schedule.

Agenda Item 4 & 5:	Racial Data Entry and Foreign Born Policy – Jerry Oler
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Berckman came to the meeting and assumed the Chair role. Pat conducted the rest of the meeting. • Jerry Oler was unable to make it to the meeting. These two items were tabled for next meeting.

Agenda Item 6:	Membership Update
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuong Nguyen circulated the DMC Membership Contact sheet for update and correction as necessary. Pat will request more UBJJ member participation the DMC Subcommittee.

The next meetings are scheduled for Thursday May 20, 2010, 10:00 a.m., State Capitol, East Senate Building, Spruce Room